

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

M: 23-152

Property/District Name: Finneyfrock Property, 18301 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Montgomery County,
Project: Post Office Construction Agency: USPS

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Finneyfrock property consists of six buildings most of which were constructed in 1927 (the house, barn, chicken coop, meat shed, "old" garage, and the playhouse). These are a cohesive group of buildings which represent a small garden farm, a type of farming that became popular in Maryland during the first third of the twentieth century.

The house is a 2-1/2-story building, constructed in the Arts and Crafts "Four-Square" style. It has a hipped roof, a center chimney, and weatherboard siding. It appears to be at least three bays wide, and there are several additions on the two sides visible in the photograph. The windows are good examples of the Arts and Crafts style window with three lights over one in many of the front façade's windows.

The "old" garage is a 1-1/2 story one bay building with a gable metal roof and weatherboard siding. It does not appear to have any front doors and its foundation has shifted.

The playhouse is a one-story metal shed roof building which is two bays wide and 2 windows made up a single sashes each with six lights.

The chicken coop is a 2-story concrete and weatherboard building which as a 1930s addition. The building is no longer used in active farming and is in dilapidated condition.

The meat shed is a one-story building with a metal gable roof, weatherboard siding and a wooden door.

The barn is a two-story building which appears to be some type of bank barn, made up of a lower story of three stalls and an upper story (a hay loft?) of flush vertical boards. A retaining wall made of mortared cement blocks supports the structure.

Although this property represents a form of farming that was popular in the early part of the twentieth century, it does not appear that it is currently used in for agricultural purposes. Given the massive development that has occurred in the Olney area the Finneyfrock property is a rare survivor. At the same time, several of the buildings are in deteriorating condition. The Trust is of the opinion that better examples of a garden farm site exist in Montgomery County and therefore the Finneyfrock property is **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A (agriculture) or C (architecture).

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project review and compliance files

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September 20, 1999
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement

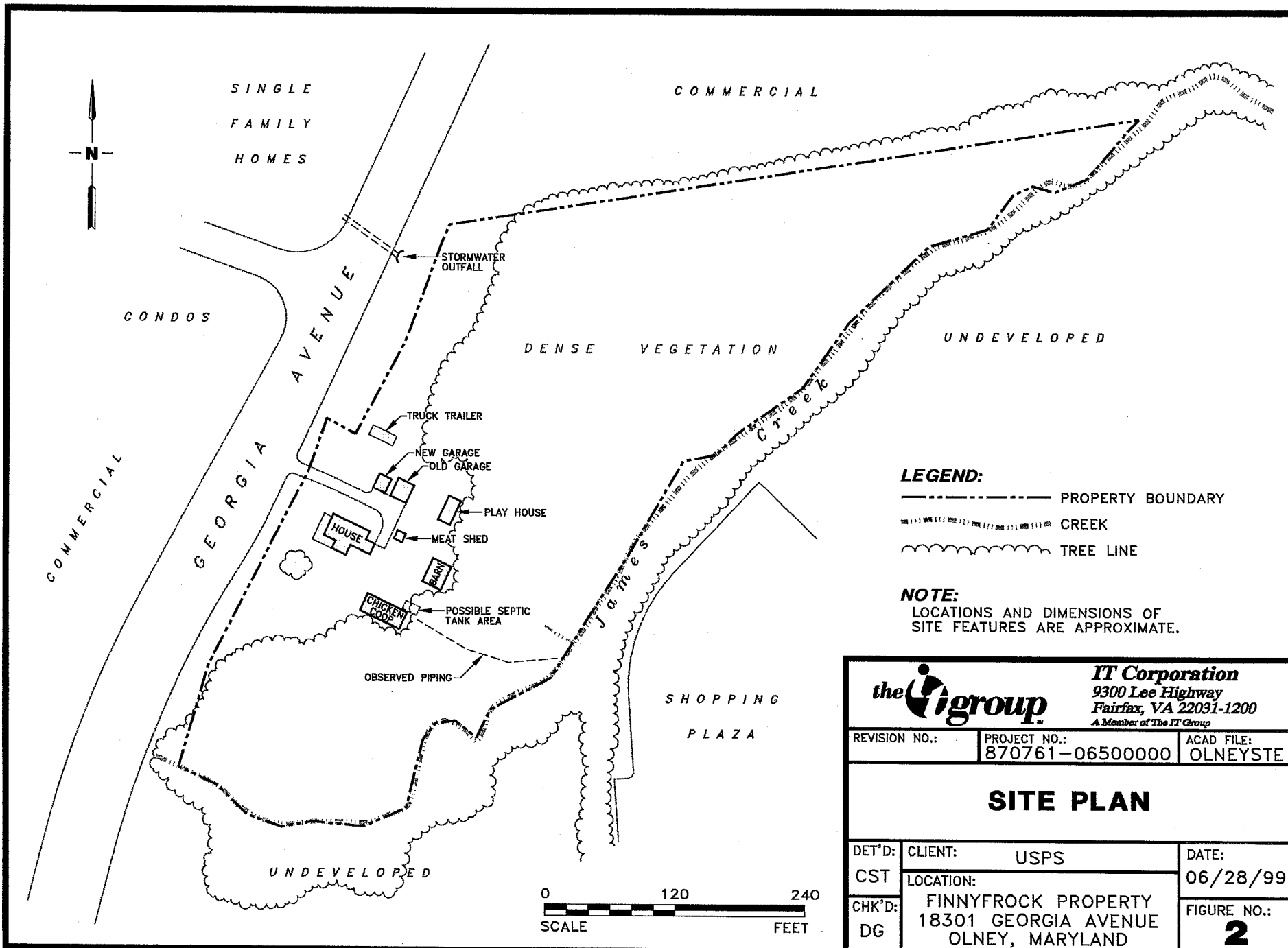
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☒ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Farmstead
Historic Environment: Rural/Village
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Single Family Dwelling and agricultural buildings
Known Design Source: _____



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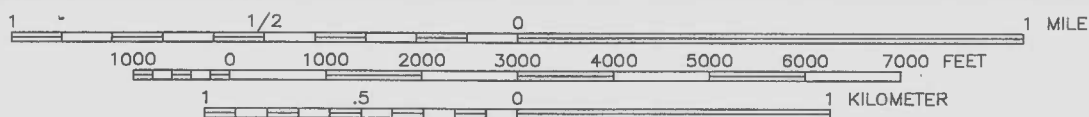
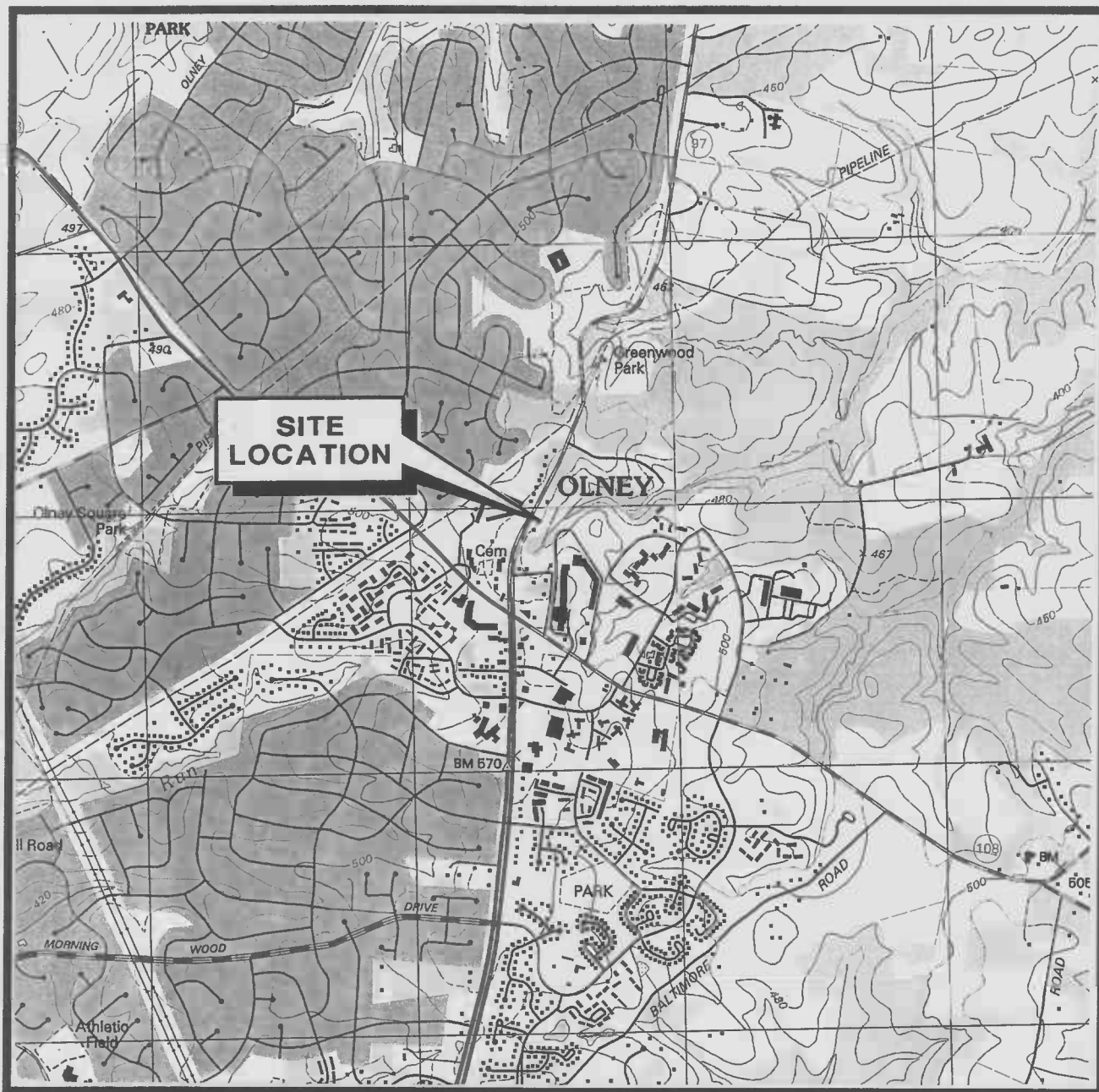


FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION MAP
FINNYFROCK PROPERTY
18301 GEORGIA AVENUE
OLNEY, MARYLAND

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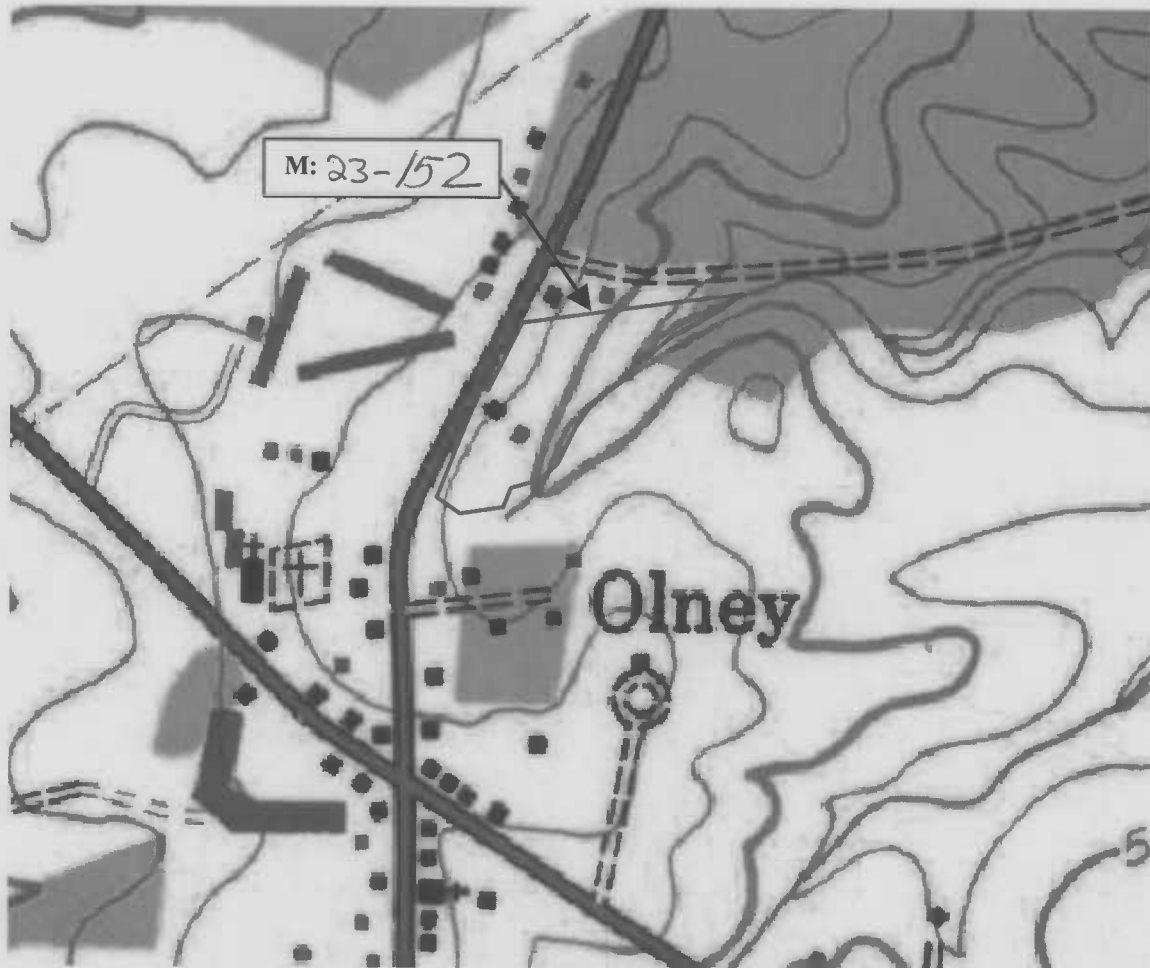


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Top: View of the house, looking north.

Bottom: View of the old garage, looking north. Note: a shift in the foundation appears to have made this structure unstable.



Top: View of the barn, looking west. Note: a shift in the foundation appears to have made this structure unstable.

Bottom: View of the meat shed, looking east.

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Top: View of the new garage, looking east.

Bottom: View of the playhouse, looking west. Note: warped joists.



Top: View of the chicken coop, looking east.

Bottom: View of the chicken coop addition, looking south.